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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

NO: CR-13-6070-WFN

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KENNETH RICHARD ROWELL,

GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

Defendant.

Plaintiff, United States of America, by and through Michael C. Ormsby, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, and Alexander C. Ekstrom, Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, hereby submits the following response to the Defendant's sentencing memorandum (ECF No. 49) as follows:

#### I. DEFENDANT'S OBJECTIONS

1. Page 2, Social Security Number:

The Defendant denies using "false or fictitious" social security numbers. (ECF No. 49, pg. 2). The Government believes that United States Probation has received these alternate social security numbers from court records and thus that they should be included as an alternative means of identification in a public record. Further, their inclusion does not necessarily connote malicious use by the Defendant.

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## 2. Page 2, Aliases/A.K.A.:

The Defendant denies using "any aliases or A.K.A.s." (ECF No. 49, pg. 2-3). As above, the Government believes that United States Probation has received these alternate identifiers from court records and thus that they should be included as an alternative means of identification in a public record. Again, their inclusion does not necessarily connote malicious use by the Defendant.

### 3. Page 22, Paragraph 54-57, Conviction for First Degree Sodomy:

The Defendant does not contend that he did not have an attorney for this charge, but rather alleges a failure of his attorney to communicate with him. While the Defendant cites to *Allen*, therein the Court discusses the "presumption of regularity" of a conviction used to enhance a sentence, and the Defendant's burden to make present evidence by a preponderance of evidence of the conviction's invalidity in this context. *United States v. Allen*, 153 F.3d 1037, 1041 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998). Even if the conviction was assigned criminal history points, and even if the Defendant supported his assertion with an affidavit, the Government would submit that he would not be able to overcome this bar. There is no reason to remove this crime from the PSIR.

#### II. GOVERNMENT'S SENTENCING RECOMMENDATION

Consistent with the plea agreement, the Government requests the Court impose a sentence of 120 months.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of April, 2014

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